Plant-Based Chef

Aro Ha Wellness Retreat | Glenorchy, Otago, New Zealand

Love plant-based food?

Aro Ha Wellness Retreat is looking for a passionate and creative Plant-Based Chef to join our small kitchen team. You'll be preparing delicious, nutritious and beautifully presented meals for our international retreat guests and staff.

This is a hands-on role for someone who loves good food, seasonal ingredients and has an interest in health and wellness.

The Role – What You'll Be Doing

- Preparing fresh, nutrient-dense, plant-based meals.
- Menu development, planning and seasonal recipe adaptation.
- Maintaining high standards of food preparation, quality and presentation.
- Ordering produce and supplies and checking deliveries.
- Catering for individual guest dietary requirements.
- Teaching cooking demonstrations to retreat guests.
- Maintaining a clean, tidy and organised kitchen.
- Following food safety and health and safety procedures.
- Working collaboratively and pitching in wherever needed.
- Communicating effectively and collaborating with other departments.

What We're Looking For

- At least two years' relevant kitchen experience.
- A genuine passion for plant-based food, health and wellness.
- Good organisational skills and attention to detail.
- Reliability, punctuality and good communication.
- High standards of cleanliness and personal hygiene.
- Knowledge of food combining, detox and cleansing diets.
- Experience with fermenting, preserving and drying produce is a bonus.
- Flexibility, initiative and a positive, hands-on attitude.

You'll need to be comfortable with varied kitchen duties and working 8–10 hour days when required.

Roster & Hours

- Seven-day roster, including weekends.

- Minimum 20–30 hours per week when retreats are scheduled.
- Hours vary according to the retreat calendar.

How to Apply

Please email the following to hr@aro-ha.com, attention Anouva Settin:

- Cover letter.
- Current CV/resume with references.
- Passport-sized photograph.
- Copy of driver's licence or passport showing evidence of your right to work in New Zealand.

Applicants must be legally entitled to work in New Zealand and hold a valid work permit where applicable.

Applications close: 5 December 2026

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